Weavers Yard Artist Call

Upper Dens Landscaping Board (UDLB) with support from the Stobswell Forum are looking to commission a Dundee or Tayside based artist to develop three public art boards at the entrance of Weavers Yard. This work will replace the now dilapidated work that can be viewed here.

The new work should embrace the history of Weavers Mill, the significant renovation of the mill building in the 1980s and the existing public artworks on and around the site. Notable works include; the Ceramic tile arches at the entrance of Weavers Yard & Column / Cone / Sphere to the north of Princes Street(developed by MA Public Art students at Duncan of Joardanstone College of Art and Design in the late 1980s), and three murals commissioned by Open/Close Dundee at the rear of the site.

The new artwork can be any material or genre; however the artist will be responsible for engaging in consultation with Weavers Yard residents before producing and installing an artwork, that will be longstanding in an outdoor site.

Context

Hillcrest Homes and Caledonia Housing Association represent the Upper Dens Landscaping Board (UDLB). The Board was established to share landscaping and common area maintenance for the iconic Weavers Yard development, of which they are both landlords.

Weavers Yard is of significant cultural importance in Dundee. The building was once known as Upper Dens Mill, was built by the Baxter Brothers in the 1833's and extended in 1850. It was once home to the world's largest linen works and a showpiece of Dundee's textile industry. The building and surrounding area was renovated by Hillcrest in 1983, which included an ambitious public arts programme. Notably, Weavers Yard, is home to a Historic Scotland Blue Plaque celebrating the life and work of prominent Dundee political figure Mary Brooksbank who once worked in the mill.

Now the building is home to 540 residents, who for the past 30 years have enjoyed the public artworks. UDLB and the Stobswell Forum hope that this new artwork will showcase the best of the past, present and future of life in and around Weavers Yard.

Details of the Commission

- There is a total fee of £6000, this is inclusive of development, consultation, production and installation.
- The artist must be based in Dundee or Tayside
- A local art and design student may be considered, if the work were to be a significant portion of final exam or portfolio.

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- The artist will receive support from the Hillcrest Engagement team, UDLB, and the Stobswell Forum
- The project must be completed by March 2026 due to funding restrictions.

Submission

Please complete our submission form, providing the following information:

- Short biography of your art practice and connection to Dundee.
- A brief description of the work you will create
- An illustration of your proposed artwork using the attached template. (this does not have to be a completed artwork).

The deadline for submission is 9am on 19th May 2025. We aim to complete shortlisting by 1st June 2025 and the project must be completed by March 2026.

More information

More information is available on our website. Interested artists can get in touch with the Stobswell Forum for an informal discussion by contacting Trustee Helen King stobswellforum@gmail.com.

A tour of the development are possible on request, please get in contact with Emily Kernahan, Hillcrest Engagement Team at ekernahan@hillcresthomes.org.uk



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Weavers Yard Art Boards
Illustration only
Approximate scale 1:16

